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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SITKA SOUND SAC ROE HERRING FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery will be on 2-hour notice effective 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 25, 2013. This means that a fishery could be expected with a minimum of two hours notice after the effective time.

The results of test samples taken to date were as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Set (Tons)	Mature Roe	Immature Roe	Ave Wt. (gms)	Percent Female	50/50 Adjust
21-Mar	14:00	Old Sitka Rks	60	5.9%	10.4%	200	59%	5.0%
22-Mar	10:50	E. Middle Island	30	7.2%	4.3%	184	42%	8.6%
22-Mar	13:54	N. Bieli Rk	100	5.6%	6.8%	194	48%	5.8%

The department is placing the fishery on 2-hour notice at this time to ensure that the department and industry are in position to take advantage of early opportunities to harvest good quality herring if the more mature herring begin to separate from immature herring in preparation for spawning.

**The department will hold an organizational meeting with fishermen, processors and interested individuals at the Centennial Building at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 25.** The *R/V Kestrel* will be arriving in Sitka on Monday morning, March 25. Test sampling will be suspended until Sunday. Seine boats wanting to conduct practice sets may do so in the deeper waters of Eastern Channel south of Jamestown Bay.

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